

Navy to Return Hunter College Buildings; Classes in Bronx to Resume in February

Mayor La Guardia announced yesterday he had been informed by the Navy that the last class of Waves at the USS Hunter, the United States Naval Training School, Women's Reserve, in the Bronx, would be graduated Dec. 10. The Mayor said the city would take over its Hunter College buildings, which the school has occupied, on Jan. 1 and that classes would be resumed there in February, at the start of the second half of the school year.

The Mayor said he had not been informed whether this meant freeing the private apartment buildings held by the Navy to house the Waves, but if that were the case he would recommend that the Navy hold onto the apartments, and see that they are rented to discharged Navy personnel, as one way to help discharged veterans solve the critical housing problem in the city.

Four of the seventeen apartment buildings taken over by the Navy were returned to their private owners in September. The seventeen buildings have 825 apartments, and the four that were surrendered had accommodations for 200 families. Within a few days of the announcement that the four would be returned to their owners, more than 2,000 persons had applied to rent the apartments.

At the time the Navy said the remaining buildings would be released soon. Mrs. Herbert L. Carlebach, chairman of the housing division of the Officers Service Committee, proposed then that the Government lease the buildings and make them available to combat veterans and their families.

Information on what the Navy will do with the apartment buildings was not available last night. Some time would be required, once they were released, to refit them for civilian use.

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